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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION COLOMBO MARCH 16, FROM SECSTATE REPEATED
TO YOU QUOTE:

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SUBJECT: COLOMBO PLAN -- DRUG ABUSE ADVISER

REF: COLOMBO 648

1. DIRECTOR CONNELLY' S POSITION THAT APPOINTMENT SHOULD BE MADE ON BEST QUALIFIED, NOT ROTATIONAL, BASIS ACCORDS WITH U. S. VIEW.

2. IN OFFERING GRANT TO COLOMBO PLAN AT 1972 MEETING TO COVER APPOINTMENT OF DRUG ABUSE ADVISER AND OPERATION OF OFFICE DURING COMING YEAR, U. S. MINISTERIAL DELEGATE NOTED QUOTE ALTHOUGH THE SELECTION OF AN ADVISER IS FOR THE COLOMBO PLAN AND THE BUREAU TO MAKE, IT WOULD SEEM TO US MOST APPROPRIATE THAT HE BE FROM THE AREA, FAMILIAR WITH THE COLOMBO PLAN REGION AND ITS DEVELOPING PROBLEMS, AND ACCEPTABLE TO THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION. IT WOULD ALSO SEEM APPROPRIATE THAT THE ADVISER BE A PERSON WITH GENERAL DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE WHO COULD GIVE BALANCED ATTENTION BOTH TO CROP SUBSTITUTION AND TO PREVENTION, TREATMENT, AND REHABILITATION PROGRAMS. IN ORDER TO ASSIST THE BUREAU, I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT THIS CONSULTATIVE MEETING INVITE THE REGIONAL MEMBERS TO SUBMIT THE NAMES OF QUALIFIED CANDIDATES FOR SELECTION BY THE BUREAU. END QUOTE.

3. DURING COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF THIS AGENDA ITEM, U. S. MEMBER MAY RECALL THIS STATEMENT AND EXPLAIN U. S. WOULD PREFER NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN SELECTION OF DRUG ABUSE ADVISER BUT HOPES HE CAN BE SELECTED PROMPTLY AND WILL EXTEND FULLEST COOPERATION TO PERSON DESIGNATED.

4. FYI. PRINCIPAL PHILIPPINE CANDIDATE (PIO A. ABARRO) THOUGH NOT HAVING GENERAL DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE OTHERWISE APPEARS TO HAVE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE QUALIFYING FOR POSITION. ROGERS UNQUOTE ROGERS

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